GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF USED GARMENTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic textiles industry has suffered huge losses due to import of used garments from abroad;

(b) if so,whether this has resulted in huge loss of foreign exchange also;

(c) if so,whether the Government proposes to impose restrictions on the import of used garments;and

(d) if so,the details thereof alongwith the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S.ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d):The import of used garments affects the domestic garment industry. Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary issues are also involved.Therefore,the Government has imposed restrictions on the import of used garments by bringing them under the'Restricted list of Imports'vide Notification No.7/2004-09 dated the 27th October,2004.The import of used garments has declined sharply from Rs.278.62 crore in 2003-2004 to Rs.74.69 crore in 2007-08.